CASE 0:04-cv-03600-MJD-SRN Document 24 Filed 04/17/06 Page 1 of 10

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re: Baycol Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 1431

This Document Relates to:

One Hundred Forty-Two (142)
Branch Law Firm Cases listed as
"Other Unacceptable PFS [Plaintiff
Fact Sheet] submissions pursuant
to PTO 81 Order w/ 12/8/04 deadline."

The above-entitled matter comes before the Court upon the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Jonathan Lebedoff dated March 28, 2005, recommending denial of Plaintiffs' Motion in Anticipation of Possible Dismissal Under PTO 81 and Reconsideration. Also before the Court is a motion for relief under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 60(b) filed on behalf of the affected Plaintiffs by the law firm of Zimmerman Reed, PLLP. The Branch Law Firm moves to strike this motion for Rule 60(b) Relief.

Pursuant to statute, the Court has conducted a <u>de novo</u> review of the record.

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Local Rule 72.1(c). Based on that review the Court

ADOPTS in part the Report and Recommendation, but will grant Plaintiffs limited relief as discussed below.

SCANNED

APR 1.7 2006

U.S. DISTRICT COURT MPLS

Throughout its management of this MDL proceeding, the Court recognizes that it has dismissed a great number of claims based on a plaintiff's failure to comply with discovery deadlines. The matter currently before the Court concerns such a failure to timely comply with discovery deadlines. However, the issues involved here are quite unusual, and require the Court to look beyond the simple issue of missed deadlines.

Here, local counsel has taken the unusual step of requesting that the Court allow them access to certain plaintiffs they believe have meritorious claims, and that the sanction of dismissal does not serve the ends of justice because the missed deadlines appear to have resulted from miscommunications between staff in the Branch Law Firm. The Branch Law Firm objects to the request of local counsel to the extent that local counsel is given access to certain plaintiffs, but appears to be in agreement that certain of the plaintiffs that are the subject of this motion have meritorious claims.

Because dismissal is a severe sanction under Fed.R.Civ.P. 37, and because it appears that failure to comply with the discovery deadlines rests solely with the Branch Law Firm, and because local counsel and the PSC have taken the unusual step of requesting the opportunity to directly assist in ensuring the discovery deadlines are met, the Court will grant the motion of Zimmerman Reed and the PSC as to those plaintiffs only identified by the Branch Law Firm in Exhibit 2 to their objections to the Report and Recommendation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Plaintiffs' Motion in Anticipation of Possible Dismissal Under PTO 81 and Reconsideration, in relation to "One Hundred Forty-Two (142) Branch Law Firm Cases listed as 'Other Unacceptable PFS (Plaintiff Fact Sheet) submissions pursuant to PTO 81 and Order w/ 12/08/04 deadline" is granted only as to those plaintiffs listed in the attached Exhibit.
- 2. The Motion of Zimmerman Reed and the PSC for Relief under Fed.R.Civ.P.60(b) is granted as to those plaintiffs listed in the attached Exhibit.
- 3. Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Zimmerman Reed and the PSC's Motion is DENIED.
- 4. Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Defendant's Opposition is DENIED.

Date: APR 17 2006

Michael J. Davis

United States District Court

٤,

Other Unacceptable PFS submissions pursuant to PTO 81 Order w/ 12/08/04 deadline

27.	26.	25	24	23.	22.	21.	20.	Ţ9.	1.8	17.	16	15	14	13.	12.	11	10.	9.		7.	6	'n	4.	ω	2.	1.		No.
Cocchia, Debra	Clark, Glennon	Castleberry, James	Campos, Fernando	Bull, Ronald	Bryan, Kenneth	Brosch, Melba	Briggs, Robert	Bridges, Virginia	Brazel, Mary	Brannon, Milton	Blecker, Lola	Blackmon, Wanda	Bethell, Rheaba	Benfield, Catherine	Bebnia, Daryoush	Beck, Barbara	Beacom, Jack	Barnett, Sammie Dee	Bare, Phyllis	Banda, Norberta	Bacharach, David, Jr.	Austin, Joseph	Ashton, Burton	Arandas, Teodolo	Apodaca, Joseph	Aceves, Elpidio		Plaintiff Name
04-3596	04-3595	04-3594	04-3585	04-3585	04-3587	04-3592	04-3591	04-3614	04-3612	04-3590	04-3586	04-3593	04-3615	04-3614	04-3587	04-3593	04-3623	04-3587	04-3618	04-3586	04-3588	04-3587	04-3603	04-3585	04-3595) 04-3585	Zo.	MDL
ជ	S	A.	CA	CA	X	TX ·	SC	MS	WA	GA	CA	NC	AR	MS	X	NC	N.	TX	DE	CA	MA	TX	NC	CA	NM	CA	State	Resident
ро	ПO	ß	ДO	병	no	no ,	В	по	g	no	по	no	по	по	ро	no	ро	no	no	no	no	n/a	0.0	по	no	no	Kec'd	Docs
YES	XEX	ро	SHY	no	no	STA	ПО	YES	YES	по	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	YES	go	YES	YES	YES	no	по	YES	YES	YES	Sign	Auths
XHX.	SEX	등	CHY.	* . ** * . **			ПO	KES.	XIIS	SELY	YES		L	YES	YES	SHY	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	оздаеа	PES
12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/08/2004		Z41Z004	24,20,04	e c	24/2004	12/02/2004		12/06/2004			12/06/2004	12/06/2004				11/24/2004	12/02/2004		11/24/2004		12/02/2004				Date	PFS Rec'd
Бгапсп	Branch	Branch	BIZICH	DIAMON	PERHOD:	Dranen	Branco	d Panca	Stanen	Branch	Branch	Branch	Блапсп	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch		Counsel
						***	大学 大学 大学 大学						アンスを対すると															· ·

Harbon Retty 04-3592		55. Hakes, Robert 04-3609		Grieger, David			_							43. Field, Laura					38. Dietric		_		_			\downarrow	30. Cook, Margie	29. Collins, Stanley
04-3592	шу					Godfrey, Lloyd	Goad Barbara	Gentry: Norma	Garrigue, Michael	Friedrich, John	Fountain, Theresis	Flanagan, Juanit	Fisher, Donna	Field, Laura	Failor, Pau	Faessel, J	Edward	Dixon	Dietric	Denslo	Davis,	Daise J	Dadyal	Cummi	Criscuo	Cooper,	Cook, M	Collins,
-	04-3602	04-3609	04-3	Ç					- 1			2				ohn	Edwards, Rubye	Dixon, Thomas	Dietrich, Roberta	Denslow, John	Davis, Michelle	Elise		nes, Charles	Criscuola, Regina	Cooper, Corinth	argie	Stanley
ij	-	۳	609	04-3594	04-3601	04-3607	04-3603	04-3607	04-3585	04-3589	04-3609	04-3600	04-3618	04-3609	04-3621	04-3609	04-3590	04-3614	04-3623	04-3609	04-3607	04-3609	04-3607	04-3603	04-3598	04-3602	04-3592	04-3594
	OR	FIL	FL	ΑL	II	Ð	NC	MA	CA	Ŋ	FL	OX	DΞ	FL	PA	FL	GA	SW	2	汩	MA	Ē	ð	NC	YY	OR	X	AL
no	по	no	по	no	no	no	по	ΩO	no	no	no	no	по	пo	no	n/a	no	πo	no	п/a	по	по	пo	по	no	по	по	no
B	YES	YES	по	YES	no	no	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	по	YES	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES	XEX	YES	no	YES
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	YES
12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	12/08/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	12/08/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/08/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/08/2004	12/08/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	11/24/2004	12/08/2004
H	Branch	Втапсь	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch
L	_																											

60. 61. 60. 63. 63. 63. 65. 65. 65. 65. 65. 65. 65. 65. 65. 65	Hill, Patricia (Maria Hill on concordance) Hinson, Beatrice Hocamp, William Holman, Hattie Huffman, Rochelle Isaacs, Eula Ivy, Mary Jackson, Danny Jones, Theresa Jones-Bell, Imogene Karren Olivia	04-3603 04-3602 04-3602 04-3603 04-3603 04-3605 04-3605 04-3592 04-3592 04-3592	NG SO SWITTER	no n	YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES	YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES	12/06/2004 12/06/2004 12/06/2004 12/08/2004 12/08/2004 12/08/2004 12/06/2004 11/24/2004 11/24/2004 11/24/2004 11/24/2004 11/24/2004	Branch
1 1 1	Jones-Bell, Imogene Karren, Olivia Kelch, Margaret Krznaric, Jane	04-3592 04-3606 04-3607 04-3586	CA MIN	ро 100 го	YES YES YES	YES YES		1/24/2004 2/06/2004 2/08/2004 1/24/2004
75 74 73	Kupner, Larry Kupner, Larry Ledford Randy	04-3593 04-3593 04-3593	NC NC	DO OU	YES YES	YES YES	555	11/24/2004 12/08/2004 12/06/2004
76.	Liberatore, June	04-3598	YY	no s	по	B	12/	2/06/2004
77.	Libranda, Virgilio Long, Glenda	04-3608 04-3609	Guam FL	по	DO YES	YES	12/	12/06/2004 12/08/2004
79	Madrigal, Joe	04-3585	CA	по	YES	YES	3 [2]	2/06/2004
80.	Marmie, Vernette Mayeaux, Joyce	04-3602	OR LA	no no	TIO YES	SEA	1212	2/02/2004
3 82	McDonald Melba	04-3612	WA	no	YES	YES	3 13	2/06/2004
% 4.	Metz, Brenda	04-3516	OH	no no	YES	XES	12	2/06/2004
85.	Middleton, Helen	04-3592	XI	по	YES	YES	11	1/24/2004
86.	Wilano, Michael	04-3623	W	no	no	YES	3 13	2/02/2004
87.	Moncada, Rueben Moore, Bernice	04-3623 04-3586	? CA	90 00	no	YES	12/2	12/02/2004
89.	Moore, Patricia	04-3592	X	шо	YES	YES	11/2	/24/2004
90.	Morris, Mary	04-3589	N	Π0	YES	YES	11/	1/24/2004

1.3

122.	121.	120.	119.	118.	117.	116.	115.	114	113.	112.	111.	110.	109.	108.	107.	106.	105.	104	103.	102	101	100	99.	98.	97.	96.	95.	22	93.	92.	91.
Sutton, Gary	Stephens, Robert	Stanko, Virginia	Spruiell, Betty	Spreigen, Maurice	Smith, Mammie	Selling, Gary	Schubert, Virginia	Schreiber, Nichole	Schlatter, Dorothy	Saul, Barbara	Ruiz, Danelle	Rose, Yvonne	Romano, Julia		Roberts, Melvina		Rash, Emma	_		. Pietila, Georgia		Perkins, Roy	Perez, Reynaldo	Pace, Linda	Olliver, Billy	Ochoa, Ruben	Norton, Wayne	Nivens, Josie	Nelson, James	Мшрћу, Вугоп	Mullins, Anna
04-3603	04-3618	04-3586	04-3603	04-3598	04-3592	04-3585	04-3593	04-3586	0.4-3586	04-3616	04-3586	04-3607	04-3589	04-3601	04-3596	04-3615	04-3605	04-3614	04-3609	04-3586	04-3626	04-3585	04-3587	04-3586	04-3593	04-3587	04-3585	04-3607	04-3624	04-3609	04-3626
NC	DE	CA	NC	ΥN	TX	CA	NC		CA	OH	CA	Ð	Ŋ	Ħ		AR	AW.	MS	FL	CA	KY	CA		CA	NC	TX	CA	MD	M	FL	KY
no	по	no	no	no	no	no	no	ou.	по	пo	по	пo	no	В	по	ро	Bo	no	po	DO	no	no	no	no	до	no	DO.	по	по	ρα	병
YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	пo	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	XEX	YES	по	YES	YES	YES	YES	SEA	ро	по	YES	YES	YES	ДО	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ВО	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12/08/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	12/08/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	12/08/2004	11/24/2004	12/02/2004	12/08/2004	12/02/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	12/08/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	11/24/2004	12/02/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	12/06/2004	12/08/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	12/06/2004	12/06/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	12/02/2004
Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch

154.	153.	152.	151.	150.	149.	148.	147.	146.	145.	144.	143.	142.	141.	140.	139.	138.	137.	136.	135.	134.	133.	132.	131.	130	129	128	127.	126.	125.	124.	123.
												Zuniga, Edna	Worsley, Jewel	Williams, Rosetta	Williams, Katherine	Wilcher, Mary	Whited, Gary, Sr.	Wesley, John	Weinhold, Ardella	Veliquette, Max	Urich, Darus	Tyson, Mark	Turner-Leannais, Marlene	Tucker, Joseph Fredrick, III	Thornton, Patricia	Thompson, Shirley	Thompson, Sandy	Thompson, Harold	Thomas, Kenneth	Thomas, Aaron	Swann, Louis (Lewis)
												04-3592	04-3591	04-3626	04-3625	04-3590	04-3624	04-3587	04-3623	04-3620	04-3607	04-3587	04-3620	04-3590	04-3586	04-3609	04-3595	04-3623	04-3585	04-3607	04-3591
												X	SC	KY	ME	GA	MO	X	M	M	ð	X	MM	GA	CA	TI	8	MN	CA	Ð	SC
			-		-				+			no	no	po	по	lig O	пo	po	по	II.O	no	по	no	no	по	по	В	μo	BO	no	по
												XES	bo	XES	YES	no	YES	SEL	no	Bo	YES	YES	YES	SEY	YES	YES	g	SEX	YES	YES	YES
-		+										SH X		Y H.V.	χ Η Σ	YES.	X E.V.	SHY	XHX.	XEX	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	XEX	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
									,			12/02/2004	12/02/2004	12/22/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	12/00/2004	12/02/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	12/02/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	12/02/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	11/24/2004	12/02/2004	12/08/2004	12/02/2004
												TOTATION	Danch	Branch	Drawch	Drauch	Dranch	Branch	Бтапсл	DIAMON	Branch	Бгапсп	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branch	Branco	Branco	Branch	Branch

EXHIBIT "2"

Plaintiff	Date PFS Sent	Authorizations Sent
Daryoush Behnia	November 23, 2004	Hippa No Psych
Catherine Benfield	December 3, 2004	Hippa No Psych, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Milton Brannon	December 3, 2004	
Kenneth Bryan	November 23, 2004	Hippa No Psych
Wayne Buck	December 8, 2004	Hippa No Psych
James Castleberry	December 7, 2004	
Herbert Dadyala	December 7, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Thomas Dixon	December 3, 2004	Hippa Psych, No Psych,
		Workers Comp/SSN
Rubye Edwards	December 1, 2004	Hippa No Psych, Workers
·		Comp/SSN
Laura Fields	December 3, 2004	Hippa No Psych, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Juanita Flanagan	December 3, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Debashish Ghosh	December 8, 2004	Hippa No Psych, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Larry Harrington	December 3, 2004	Hippa No Psych, Hippa Psych
Maria Patricia Hill	December 3, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Beatrice Hinson	December 3, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Glenda Long	December 7, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
James Nelson	December 1, 2004	
Josie Nivens	December 1, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
,		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
James Pylate	November 23, 2004	
Emma Rash	December 1, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Julia Romano	December 3, 2004	
Marlene Troy	December 8, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN
Jewel Worsley	December 1, 2004	Hippa No Psych,
		Employment, Workers
		Comp/SSN